

STATE OF CALIFORNIA SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)

Applicant: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF MARIPOSA COUNTY

Project Title: MARIPOSA SCHOOL FOREST PROJECT

Application Number: SNC 080193

PROJECT SCOPE

This project will assist in the development of a plan to protect key portions of a watershed that provides drinking water to the Town of Mariposa. Project will gather factual data about the project site in order to formulate the plan. The project will consider potential uses for the property, including a residential subdivision, working forest, working rangeland, and outdoor educational venue. Stakeholders and residents of the community will be included through facilitated meetings to identify components of the plan and provide input on the overall project.

This project will assess opportunities to provide educational activities on a portion of the land proposed for conservation easement. This land is adjacent to Mariposa High School, and will be targeted for educational use.

Specifically, the Economic Development Corporation of Mariposa County will:

- Utilize matching funds from the landowner to complete the project
- Conduct a survey of hydrogeology on the project site
- Conduct a survey of archaeological resources on the project site
- Conduct a survey of biological resources on the project site
- Coordinate a series of facilitated meetings for members of the community
- Coordinate with the landowner and local educators on an educational component for the anticipated conservation easement.
- Finalize a Mariposa County Specific Plan for review and adoption by Mariposa County relative to improvements on the property.

Upon completion of this project, it is the grantee's intent to work with the landowner on placing a conservation easement on the portion of the property to be protected. This easement would be made available for various educational and community activities.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Initiate community collaborative planning process	March 2009
Conduct Hydrogeological survey	March 2009 – July 2009
Conduct Archaeological Survey	March 2009 – July 2009

Conduct Biological Survey	March 2009 – July 2009
Conduct community meetings on design elements	June 2009 – August 2009
Complete and submit six-month progress report to SNC	August 2009
Complete community collaborative process	November 2009
Finalize Mariposa County Specific Plan	November 2009
FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST	December 31, 2009

PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Hydrogeology Survey	\$8,000
Biological Survey	3,750
Archaeological Survey	3,250
Plan Development	23,500
Collaborative process and design	9,000
Administrative Costs	2,500
GRAND TOTAL	\$50,000

PROJECT SUPPORT LETTERS

- Gerald Fischer, Landowner
- Mariposa County Unified School District
- Mariposa Public Utility District
- Yosemite Management Group LLC

PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Number of Collaboratively Developed Plans and Assessments
- Percent of Pre-project and Planning Efforts Resulting in Project Implementation